

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STUDY FOR RUBBER PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have send delegation to South East Asia to study Rubber Plantation, Processing Unit and model Technically Specified Rubber (TSR) processing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the outcome of the visit of said delegation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A 12- member delegation, comprising mostly processors of Technically Specified Rubber (TSR), was sent by the Govt. of India to Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore in July 2002 with the objective of giving them exposure to the modern techniques of TSR processing applied in the major rubber exporting countries

(c) : During the visit, the team visited some rubber plantations and a few TSR factories in Indonesia and Thailand and also TSR quality control laboratories in Singapore besides having interaction with some leading manufacturers of machinery for TSR production. The visit has provided an exposure to TSR processors of India on the latest developments in crop collection, processing techniques, testing and quality control and also packaging systems for producing Technically Specified Block rubber. The team also had direct interaction with the processors on various aspects of production, quality, consistency etc. The visit will help the processors to improve the quality of TSR produced in India to meet international standards.